

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR SEVEN DOLORS & ST. PATRICK'S PARISHES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2018 + 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



+Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass in Spanish
11:59 pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: 9:00 am Mass @ St Pat's
9:00 am Mass

+Advent Confession Schedule:

Sunday 3 pm (Communal Penance)
7 pm (Communal Penance at STM)
Wednesday Noon & 5:00 pm
Thursday Noon & 6:00 pm
Saturday 4:00 pm

+Year End Giving: We find some people do their financial planning at the end of the year. Should Seven Dolores Parish be included in your plans? Stacie Levendofsky, Seven Dolores Finance Associate, is offering to be at the Parish Center office on December 31st (New Year's Eve) until 5 pm. Please feel free to stop by (there may be treats!!).

+Creche Raffle: The Social Action Commission is selling raffle tickets in the church basement this weekend after all Masses for the marzipan creche made by Pam Kallhof. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds go to hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. Drawing will be this week. Winner will be notified.

+Finance Report:

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 6,884.00
Average Needed Weekly	\$ 10,442.31
Actual FY to Date Collections	\$ 245,656.63
FY to Date Needs	\$ 258,923.08
FY Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (13,266.45)

Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Kerry Ninemire
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Director of Music, Ramona Kramer
Director of Maintenance, Tony Ridder
Parish Secretary/Receptionist, Margie Schley

+WEEK AT A GLANCE DECEMBER 16-23, 2018

Sunday 12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent

Hospitality Sunday

8 AM/10 AM Masses
11:00 AM RCIA

Noon Spanish Mass

3:00 PM Communal Penance

Monday 12/17

2:30 PM Small Group

5:20 PM Mass

Tuesday 12/18

7:00 AM Mass

7:55 AM MCS Mass

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl

5:30 PM Parish Choir

Wednesday 12/19

7:00 AM Mass

8:00 AM Mass @ St. Pat's

Noon Confessions

1:15 PM Small Group

2:30 PM Marian Mantle

5:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM Religious Education

Thursday 12/20

7:00 AM Mass

Noon Confessions

1:00 PM Food Pantry

6:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM Third Thursday Theology

Friday 12/21

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday 12/22

4:15 PM Mass @ St. Patrick's

6:00 PM Mass

Sunday 12/23 4th Sunday of Advent

8 AM/10 AM Masses

11:00 AM RCIA

Noon Spanish Mass

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†**Called and Gifted** is a workshop being held on Jan 12 in Great Bend, KS. This all day event will guide you to recognize gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit through baptism and confirmation. These gifts enable you to accomplish things for God above and beyond your natural abilities. For more information and to register visit www.dcdiocese.org/called-and-gifted

†**Did you Know??:** Advent is a great time to start new spiritual practices since it's the beginning of our new liturgical year? Stop by the Adoration Chapel any time this Advent season. Public hours are from 7am to 9pm. Come spend some sacred time with Jesus away from the secular hustle and bustle. If you find solace there, you might want to be a prayer partner with someone. For more information on the chapel, call Linda Lake at 785-341-2574.

†**Food Pantry Needs:** Canned great northern beans, Canned beets, Canned spinach, Chili beans, Egg noodles, Chicken broth, Jars/cans applesauce, Single pack toothbrushes

†**Pilgrim Bread Sales:** On January 6, 2019, Pilgrim Bread sales will be held after all the masses in support of Annunciation House, El Paso, TX for refugee hospitality. "The story of our salvation in Jesus begins with the story of refugees. The Holy Family were refugees," reflected Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago, chancellor of Catholic Extension. We can extend our hand of help to the 300+ refugees arriving daily for shelter through Annunciation House with a donation for a loaf of Pilgrim Bread, baked by the Social Action committee. Parishioner Chris Davis will be returning to El Paso, TX in January for a second year of service. Keep him and those coming to our borders seeking our help and assistance in your prayers. Learn more at AnnunciationHouse.org & CatholicExtension.org.

†**RCIA:** If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, have them call Rosie at the Parish Office. 785-565-5000. We meet every Sunday after the 10a.m. Mass.

†**Blue Christmas:** St Luke's Episcopal Church in Wamego is hosting "Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort & Light" on December 18th at 7 pm. This quiet service of hymns, prayers, readings, and candle lighting helps to name our struggles and seek hope as we share in the comfort of community. Cookies, coffee/cocoa and conversation will be offered following the service. All are invited to attend.

†**Third Thursday Theology** is December 20 at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center. We will be viewing Bishop Robert Baron's "Faith Clips." Join us for discussion!

†**FORMED:** Are you looking for a way to enrich your Advent experience? Need movies to help keep the kids occupied while you wrap presents? Formed is a website that has DVDs, books, and other materials that are geared to help you get the most out of the Advent season. They even have movies to watch as a family!! Simply visit www.sevendolors.formed.org to create a free profile. An app for both Android and iPhones is also available that make it easy to enjoy these wonderful items while on the road! If you have any questions, feel free to call the office

†**The Children's Puppet Liturgy** continues through all of Advent! All young children (even grandchildren) are invited to go downstairs to hear the Sunday Scriptures.

†**Ministry Needs:** We are looking for people to serve as Hospitality Ministers on Saturday evenings and at the 10 am Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please call Margie at the Parish Office.

†**News from the Budget Shop:** We are thankful with all of the donations that appear in our room every week! To help our volunteers, and give them a much earned break, we are closing our donation room door on December 15th. There will be a notice in the weekly update when we re-open. For the most up-to-date news and sneak peaks are upcoming sales, visit our Facebook page: The Budget Shop at facebook.com

The Third Sunday of Advent

This week we light another candle on our advent wreaths at home and church. This week, we take a break from the normal purple, and rejoice in the color pink (or rose).

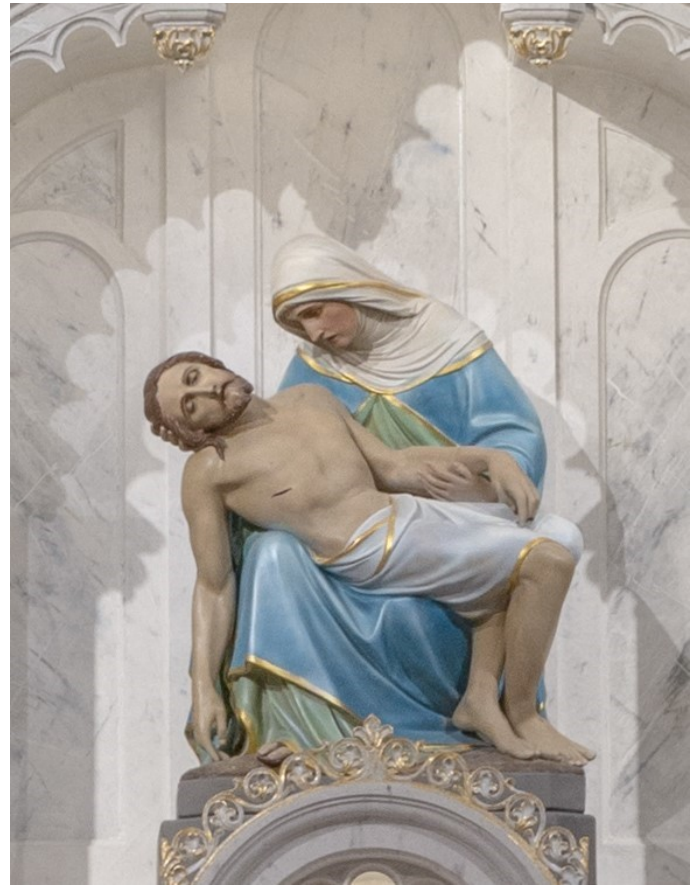
While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: his first, his present, and his final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord – Christian joy – as well as the mission of John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

Element Highlight

This week's element highlight focuses on the beautiful depiction of Mary holding Christ's body, otherwise known as "The Pieta."

The word "Pieta" is Italian for pity or compassion - compassion we can readily see on the Blessed Virgin's face. Michelangelo was not the first person to sculpt this scene, but his version is the one most widely recognized and emulated. The statue depicts a sorrowful Mary holding the body of her Son after he was taken down from the cross. Many interpretations are seen as being almost grotesque in their appearance. Our pieta is done in the renaissance revival style, similar to the famous Michelangelo one, to make it more in sync with our church's architecture. Dale Anderson found our statue at the same time and in the same place as our new back altar (more on that to follow soon!) It was used in a movie and was painted all one color. Dale was responsible for the restoration and repainting of the statue.



Merry Christmas

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Friday, December 21, and will re-open on Thursday, December 26 at 9 am.

We wish all of our parishioners a happy, safe, and blessed holiday season!

The illustration features a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus, and shepherds. The scene is set against a dark blue night sky with falling snow and a glowing star. The text is presented in a white, rounded rectangular box with a gold border.

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Ministry Schedule December 22-23, 2018

	EMOC	Hospitality	Altar Server	Lector
Sat. 6 pm	Bettina Boller Craig Ronnebaum Marla Schmidt	Cindy Donohoue Tim Donohoue Vida Gieber Toni Murphy	Bridget Harlan Anna Irvine	Debbie Umscheid (1) Vivian Walsh (2)
Sun. 8 am	Richard Bachamp Tanya Bachamp Karen Buyle Dan Wright VOLUNTEER	Bernard Irvine Emily Irvine Shelia Wright VOLUNTEER	Benjamin Irvine Nate Irvine Isabel Wright	Nellie Bucholtz (1) Mary Siegle (2)
Sun. 10 am	Deacon Ed Souza Jo Beihl Kathy Buyle Ken Buyle Parker Eaves Alexandra Kifer VOLUNTEER	The Price Family	Brayden Innes Charles Keenan Henry Rottinghaus VOLUNTEER	Bill Kifer (1) Ida Ditto (2)

December Linens: Tress Mitchem **Albs:** Margie Schley / **December 15 Sacristan:** Karen Kesl **Votives:** Pam Kallhof

Mass Intentions for December 15-23, 2018 (*St. Patrick's in Italics*)

Saturday/Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
4:15 pm <i>For the Parish</i> 6 pm +Ron Riat 8 am +John Fay 10 am +Deceased Adorers of SJAC Noon +Ray Silva	5:20 pm +Louis Zeleny	7 am +Don Bechtel 7:55 am +Beloved Dead	7 am +Ray Silva 8 am +Joe Reilly	7 am +George Eilert	7 am +John Wataha	4:15 pm +Margie Westgate 6 pm <i>For the Parish</i> 8 am +Brandon Crubel 10 am +John E Carlin Noon +Beloved Dead

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